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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman, Inter-Office Telecommunications
Advisory Committee

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FROM:

OCR Member

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SUBJECT: Central Radio Frequency Usage File Name

1. Since the Central Radio Frequency Usage (CRFU) File was established, there has been some confusion regarding the title of that organization. Within OCR it is referred to as the Barton Branch, Special Register. Outside OCR it is generally called the CRFU File. The use of these twin titles, neither of which seems to be entirely suitable, is more and more a handicap in carrying on co-ordinating and servicing activities, particularly outside of the Agency.

2. What is needed is a single designation which is short, descriptive, pronounceable, and one to which correspondence may be addressed. The realization of all of these objectives is somewhat complicated since the mission of Barton Branch concerns both frequency usage and radio station particulars, thus adding length to a fully descriptive title. Since the organization is neither a register nor a division of OCR, it is difficult to address.

3. A list of suggested new names for the CRFU File is given below. If it pleases the Chairman and the members of IOTAC, I would appreciate knowing your preferences and opinions. If none of the names listed seem appropriate, do not hesitate to suggest one of your own choosing. The suggestion(s) most favored by the Committee will be submitted to the AD/CR for final decision.

RADIO INFORMATION BRANCH (RIB)
RADIO INFORMATION SERVICE (RIS)
CENTRAL RADIO INFORMATION BRANCH (CRIB)
CENTRAL RADIO INFORMATION SERVICE (CRIS)
FREQUENCY USAGE AND STATION PARTICULARS SERVICE (FUSTAPS)
RADIO FREQUENCIES AND PARTICULARS BRANCH (RFPB)
FOREIGN COMMUNICATIONS BRANCH (FCB)
FOREIGN RADIO BRANCH (FRB or FORB)

4. The preferences of OCR/SR personnel most closely concerned are Radio Information Branch (RIB) for organizational purposes within the Agency and Radio Information Service (RIS) for use outside the Agency and particularly outside the IAC. It will be recognized that this is an adaptation of [REDACTED] scheme which we consider as an excellent model and a concept which is well suited to our needs.

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